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## About the Cover

**S**couting for boys! How much that can mean in the life of a young chap who is eager to do things for himself and to learn about the miracle of nature all around him! No other single programme has touched so many boys to point their lives in the direction of all-round mental, physical, and spiritual development.

Lord Baden-Powell was acting under inspiration when he conceived and put into action the scouting movement. The mass migration from the farms to the cities had left too many boys without the stimulating and steadying contact with the out-of-doors. He could see they were missing experiences they ought not to be denied. Perhaps he caught a glimpse of its great possibilities; perhaps he was only doing at first what he thought was good for those near him. The important thing is that he did have an idea and he did have the persistence to carry it out. Today millions benefit from it.

The Church was quick to recognise and utilise the genius of scouting for boys. Since its adoption scouting has been promoted zealously by the Church. Today that training is an integral part of the Church programme for its youth.

On the cover you see three boy scouts of the Bradford troop—out in the open air with spreading green trees on all sides and God's sunlit canopy overhead—peeling potatoes. Even that has an air of romance for the scout, who is doing something for himself.

You see three good scouts today and three resourceful, stout-hearted men tomorrow.

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# BUILDING ZION

By G. Homer Durham



**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The author, G. Homer Durham, Professor and Head of the Department of Political Science and Director of the Institute of Government at the University of Utah, has written this article especially for the readers of the "Millennial Star." He filled a mission in Britain from 1933 to 1935 and is at present a member of the High Council of the Emigration Stake.



**O**N January 1st, 1948, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was maintaining twenty-seven foreign missions outside of the continental United States where the Church was organized, April 6th, 1830. The list is interesting because it indicates the steady growth of a worldwide movement for Christian peace, prosperity, and happy, useful living. Alphabetically arranged the missions are: Argentine, Australian, Brazilian, British, Canadian, Czechoslovakian, Danish, East German, European, Finnish, French, Hawaiian, Japanese, Mexican, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norwegian, Palestine-Syrian, Samoan, South African, Swedish, Swiss-Austrian, Tahitian, Tongan, Uruguay, West German, and Western Canadian. It is safe to state that the list will continue to grow from year to year.

Outside of North America, the Brit-

ish mission, dating from Heber C. Kimball's presidency of July 20th, 1837, is the oldest. In the hundred years 1837—1937, a total of 5,947 "Mormon missionaries" entered Great Britain, principally from America, to preach the restoration of Gospel truth, and 125,593 persons entered the waters of baptism in the British mission during that first century of missionary effort. As these figures are surveyed, and as the modern list of twenty-seven foreign missions is contemplated, one may catch a faint glimpse of the reality of the kingdom of God as it is being re-established. It is truly an international organization, one of mankind's greatest demonstrations of the possibility of world brotherhood.

On April 6th, 1845, at Nauvoo, Illinois, the Council of the Twelve issued a

**"Proclamation . . . To the Kings of the World, To the President of the United States of America, To the Governors of the Several States, And to the Rulers and Peoples of all Nations."**

Said the Proclamation:

**"Know ye that the Kingdom of God has come, as has been predicted by ancient prophets, and prayed for in all ages; even that Kingdom which shall fill the whole earth and shall stand forever.**

**. . . the glorious fullness of the Gospel will constitute a standard which will put an end to jarring creeds and political wranglings, by uniting the republics, states, provinces, nations, tribes, kindred, tongues, peoples, and sects . . . in one great and common bond of brotherhood . . ."**

Is it important to preach the Gospel? Is it important to prevent World War III? Is it important to learn how to live so that the fruits of a bountiful earth can be utilised and enjoyed? The answer to these questions is affirmative. The members of the

Church in North America and in the twenty-seven foreign missions have been called to one of the most important tasks of all time: to preach the Gospel and to live it. No one need fear the Mormon missionary or member. "We believe in honouring, obeying, and sustaining the law."

The events of the recent great war, however, should fortify our determination to help bring to pass "the glorious fullness of the Gospel . . . which will put an end to jarring creeds and political wranglings." But, let us remember the wise counsel of President Brigham Young, "that if the Latter-day Saints think, when the Kingdom of God is established on the earth, that all the inhabitants of the earth will join the Church called Latter-day Saints, they are mistaken." However, the influence of the Gospel and its goodness will be such that the world will be made safe for differences without destruction; for honest agreement in tolerance and goodwill. How is this to be done? How is the ideal society to be achieved, evil vanquished, and good made triumphant? Not in a twinkling of an eye; not by magic or hocus-pocus; but by honest hard work. Let President Young be heard again on the subject:

**"What is the duty of a Latter-day Saint? To do all the good he can upon the earth . . . to build up, not to destroy; to gather together, not to scatter abroad; to take the ignorant and lead them to wisdom; to pick up the poor and bring them to comfortable circumstances. This is our labour—what we have to do."**

(Discourses, p. 655)



**"Know ye that the Kingdom of God has come."**

We have heard much about the "chain-reaction" involved in atomic fission. There is also the possibility of "chain-reaction" for good in human lives—the good deed and unselfish acts urged by the Gospel. If there is enough of this latter

type of "chain-reaction," strands of good-will may yet bind together the whole of mankind. Under such conditions, the universal government envisioned by President John Taylor could be a reality, when he wrote, November 24th, 1855:

**"The rapid increase of means of communication, the sure and decided commingling of interests, a universal exchange of sentiment, an increasing desire among mankind to shake off the shackles of despotism . . . must eventually result in some kind of universal government."** (The Gospel Kingdom, p. 303)

What are some concrete means of helping to complete the project of building a Kingdom of God in its perfection and beauty upon the earth? I wonder how the missionaries and Saints of the British mission, facing post-war opportunities, are developing this problem? Perhaps a quick glance at the recent past may provoke some examination that will be useful to someone.

It is now over fifteen years since the author began his missionary labours in the Lancashire District. From my journal I note that my first circuit assignment was in Nelson, Lancashire, April 2nd, 1933. Eight souls were present, including myself. Down the record appears, in following weeks: Accrington — 20; Blackburn — 25; Bootle—11; Birkenhead—6; Burnley—23. Then suddenly, Sunday, June 25th, 1933, shows an attendance of 119, at Durham House, 295 Edge Lane, Liverpool. Why would there be six at Birkenhead and one hundred and nineteen at Durham House, particularly on June 25th, 1933? Some Sundays at Durham House might find only a few more than six!

The answer, I think, is one for all members and missionaries to ponder: Patriarch James H. Wallis, Associate Editor of the *Millennial Star*, and Sister Wallis, came to Liverpool on June 25th, 1933, from London, to say farewell to their friends before return-

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# SUNDAY MORNING IN WALESBY FOREST



Chapel in the Pines—President Selvoy J. Boyer, sitting, in foreground;  
President Wallace R. Reid, speaking

**T**HE morning began very, very early for all the M.I.A. scouts and scouters camped in the heart of Nottingham's luxuriant wooded country. M.I.A. troops from all over the mission were gathered there for the first mission-wide scouting jamboree in the history of the British Mission. Saturday had been the day of arrival—time for pitching tents, seeing to rations, and doing all the other odd jobs necessary to setting up a week's boy scout camp—and Sunday was to be the first full day at camp.

Some of the more ambitious (or mischievous) scouts were out of bed at 4.30 a.m. It wasn't too long before they were followed by others. Soon the whole camp was busy washing faces, cooking, eating, cleaning up tents, and making preparations for

the first big event of the day.

At 9 o'clock Camp Chief Bertram Stokes marshalled the group in front of the briskly waving Union Jack for a special presentation of Centennial souvenir neckerchieves sent from Church Scout Headquarters in Utah. President Selvoy J. Boyer of the British Mission presented to each scout and scouter a colourful green and gold neckerchief, grasping each by the hand in the scout's handclasp and receiving in turn the scout's salute.

Shortly after completion of this presentation a loud gong was heard from the forest calling all scouts to a "Scout's Own" service in the beautiful, circular chapel in the pines. To the M.I.A. scouts had come the honour of

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# RED-LETTER NOTES

from the experiences of our British Missionaries

**A** NEW feature which should be of interest to all readers of the **Millennial Star** is being inaugurated this month. On this page you will find incidents from the lives and labours of our British missionaries that are happening here and now. Many a laugh and many a tear and many a story to gladden your heart and strengthen your faith you'll find recounted from month to month. To

all missionaries we issue the call to send in your interesting experiences for recording on this page, that others might share them with you.



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## A FORTUNATE ERROR

Elder Melvin Ballard and his companion, Elder Keith Tibbitts, were tracting a neighbourhood for the second time. Names of those who had definitely rejected the message on the first round were marked so that their houses would be passed by. Several doors in succession had invited or at least tolerated return, and consequently the two became a little lax in checking the names. "Knock, Knock, KNOCK," went the next door as Elder Ballard hung heavily on the knocker. Glancing quickly at the tracting record, a sinking feeling came to his stomach as he realised that it was one of the homes marked with X—they wanted to hear no more of the Gospel.

It was too late to leave—the door had already opened—and there stood the lady of the house with a surprised and rather chagrined look on her face. Instead of apologising and beating a

hasty retreat, Elder Ballard plunged into conversation. Surprisingly enough, the woman was drawn into it, and after a few minutes, realised that she had misjudged the two boys and their message. Elders Ballard and Tibbitts walked away feeling mighty happy about that error, but it was not until several weeks later when the following letter forwarded to Elder Ballard from his parents was received that they came to appreciate it fully.

This letter brought a thrill to Elder Ballard that he wishes to share with you:

"Dear Mr. Ballard, (written to his father)

Your son, Elder Melvin Russell Ballard, according to his card, called at my door today to leave a tract. He did not convert me, but I admired his sincerity and pluck.

I gathered from the conversation that you are footing the bill for this missionary tour of his, and I thought you would like to know, from a perfect stranger, that your money is being well spent. I don't know if he will make many converts, but judging from my neighbours' chat, I think he and his companion are creating a new and good impression of the folk in Utah. Before today I classed it with Timbuctoo—now I think of it as the home of two brave and courageous young men. If they have mothers too, I know they will be pleased to hear that they looked well (in spite of our rations) and happy. I have noticed them several times while out shopping and they seemed to be enjoying their work. I am a mother myself—that is why I am writing to you. Perhaps one day my children will travel a long way from home, and I know I should be glad to

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# REPORT FROM THE NORTH

By Wallace G. Bennett

**P**RESIDENT and Sister Alma Sonne of the European Mission, Elder Archibald F. Bennett, secretary of the Genealogical Society of the Church, and the writer, left London June 23rd for visits to the East German, West German, and Scandinavian Missions. This report to the readers of the *Millennial Star* covers our visit to Germany and the Swedish Mission. Visits to Finland, Norway, and Denmark will be reported later.

The highlights of the trip so far (to entering Finland July 14th) have been the conference in Berlin and the dedicatory services of two new chapels in Sweden.

The Berlin conference, June 26th and 27th, was the largest gathering of Saints we have attended outside the stakes of Zion. There were 5,000 present, and they came from all over eastern Germany. Nearly 3,000 came on special trains which President Walter Stover of the East German Mission had arranged.

We had originally planned to drive to Berlin but the autobahn through the Russian Zone from the British Zone was closed the week prior to the conference. We drove to Frankfurt, where we met President Jean Wunderlich of the West German Mission, who flew to Berlin with us June 26th. It was somewhat exciting to enter Berlin under the existing conditions. Berlin is an island in the Russian Zone of Germany. The people there did not seem as tense as those outside the city, but there was much speculation as to what would happen next.

The conference, widely advertised as the "Freud—Echo 1948" (Echo of Joy) was held in the Reichsportfeld, a huge stadium built by Hitler to accommodate 20,000 people, in what is now the British Sector of Berlin. The Saturday evening meeting featured contest winners in M.I.A. music and speech competitions which had been conducted throughout the mission. Presi-

dent Sonne and Elder A. F. Bennett spoke at this session.

At the Sunday morning meeting, the Berlin choir of nearly 200 voices, accompanied by a splendid orchestra, presented "The Vision" by Evan Stephens. All those on the programme were Church members. The rendition, spiritual and uplifting in every respect, was an inspiration to the large congregation.

After the morning session soup was served to the vast crowd of visiting members, who were grateful beyond expression.

At the evening service President Sonne remarked that he will be happy to report the events of the day to the general authorities. He reminded his listeners that Jesus taught us how to live, and he asked them if they would help to preach Christ's Gospel to the people of Germany. He prayed that God would continue to bless the German Saints, and that faith and spirituality would grow in their souls that they might face the future with courage and confidence.

When President Walter Stover was speaking, rain began to fall, but no one left, nor did President Stover stop. It was rather unique to see the people listen to the meeting huddled under umbrellas.

The singing of the German Saints is outstanding. The spirit among them reflects the spirit of love and fellowship found among those who have embraced Christ's Gospel. They are compiling an outstanding record in Church activity.

An outstanding meeting was held in Hamburg June 20th. We had driven there with President Jean Wunderlich from Frankfurt after flying out of Berlin. Over 400 assembled in Ham-



burg to hear President Sonne. He declared that the wisdom of men has failed, and that men must turn to God. "We must learn to have faith in His promises. Teach the Gospel to your friends by your words and deeds," he admonished.

Hamburg and Berlin, like most German cities of any size, are ruined and destroyed. One wonders where the people live. In Hamburg we saw visible evidences that the currency reform recently introduced by the western powers has brought articles into the shops not seen since before the war. Money will now be worth something, and people will accept it as the medium of exchange, replacing to a large extent the cigarette, which is seldom smoked in Germany until it has passed through many hands. We also visited the large welfare storehouse in Hamburg from where food and clothing sent from Zion is being distributed to the Saints in the Hamburg area.

#### SWEDISH VISIT

Church owned properties were dedicated by President Sonne in Goteborg July 4th and in Lulea July 11th. The Lord must have been pleased at each occasion, for He sent His Spirit in rich abundance. Elder Archibald F. Bennett remarked at Goteborg that he was vividly reminded of a temple dedication.

The Goteborg chapel would be a credit to the Church in any city in the world. Missionaries coming to Sweden stop in Goteborg for language and Gospel study before going out to various districts. The chapel serves as their school, as the district headquarters, and the meeting place for Goteborg Branch, one of the largest in Sweden.

President Eben R. T. Blomquist of the Swedish Mission is able to sense the full possibilities of a building as soon as he sees it. Under his supervision, and the direction of District President Newell Nelson, the chapel has been renovated and remodelled. Missionaries, Saints, and several others



Wallace G. Bennett  
European Mission Secretary

have put in countless hours getting it ready for dedication.

An all-day missionary meeting was held July 3rd. The elders and sisters are full of optimism, zeal, and faith. Many have been tracting in country districts without purse or scrip, and had humble testimonies to bear concerning the Lord's goodness to them. A priesthood and Relief Society meeting was also held July 3rd.

A feature of the dedicatory services July 4th was the lovely music furnished by the missionaries and the Goteborg Choir. Missionary solos, quartettes, choral and instrumental numbers greatly added to the spirit of worship at the service.

Before offering his inspired dedicatory prayer, President Sonne declared that the Latter-day Saints have always been a church building and a temple building people. He said we are engaged in laying the foundation for God's Kingdom on the earth, both in a material and a spiritual sense.

Sunday afternoon the Swedish missionaries conducted a meeting in the

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# IN THE SHADOW OF ARTHUR'S SEAT

By George K. Hardy

**I**N romantic Edinburgh, Scotland, historic home of the Stuart kings, Robert Louis Stevenson, Alexander Graham Bell, John Knox, and many other men and women who have made history books interesting and inspiring, is situated the thriving Edinburgh Branch of the Church.

It was here that Apostle Orson Pratt opened the first branch of the Church in Scotland, converting a membership of over two hundred souls in less than nine months. It was his custom each morning to climb the slopes of Arthur's Seat, a mountain overlooking the city, to commune with God in whose service he was enlisted. This practise gave rise to many members and friends of the Church calling this imposing prominence "Pratt's Hill."

The branch, now presided over by President William Stout, assisted by James Calder, holds its services in a hall at number 15 Windsor Street. All the auxiliaries are functioning. The Sunday School, under the direction of James Calder, Hilda Woodford, and Len Houston, is growing by leaps and bounds. The Church membership in Edinburgh does not include very many children, the result being that the Sunday School is made up almost entirely of non-member children. The way they enjoy the classes and are encouraging their friends and associates to come and join with them in attending is a tribute to the teachers of the various classes.

Although the Y.W.M.I.A. has become disorganised due to emigration of all of the presidency, the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association is functioning on a summer programme directed by Elder George K. Hardy and Donald Calder. A very enjoyable season was had last year, and the branch is looking forward to another good season of activity.

The Relief Society is presided over by Eliza Stout and holds its meetings each Wednesday evening. Membership is small, but these kind sisters have worked very hard to maintain relief and charity work in the branch. Monthly visits are made by visiting teachers to all members of the auxiliary and the branch.

The Priesthood of the branch meets together each Monday evening to study the principles of the Gospel. Branch Teaching reports show 100 percent visits made. The men holding the priesthood realise the importance of these visits and strive hard to fulfil their obligations and be worthy to receive the blessings of the priesthood.

In Edinburgh are all the records of the births, deaths, and marriages of Scotland since official public records have been kept. Hilda Woodford is labouring in the Register House with a small staff of helpers to enable those who have passed to the other side to enjoy the blessings of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Much work has been done and continues to be put forth in this phase of the Gospel plan.

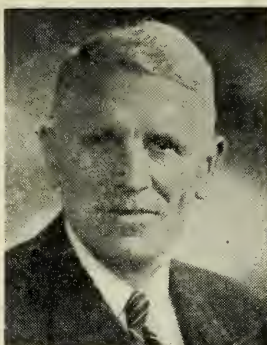
A neighbourhood Primary is held by the elders at 13 Loganlea Road. Quarters are small, but each Friday they are filled with the sparkling eyes and smiling faces of young children singing praises and praying to God. These children are not members of the Church and in most cases have been reared in indifferent circumstances. To hear them learning to pray and sing is a heart-filling reward to those who are striving to establish in their hearts the love and truths of God.

Missionary work in Edinburgh is at the present time being done by four

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# MESSAGE from the MISSION PRESIDENCY



**O**URS is a missionary Church. It is not termed such only because of the many thousands of members who at some time during their lives voluntarily give two or three years to fill a full-time mission for the Church. It is because every man and woman who enter the waters of baptism is called to a life-long mission, that of doing good, teaching the principles of truth, and assisting all their fellow men to follow the only road that leads to eternal life. In Brigham Young's Discourses we find this statement: "When I came into the Church I started right out as a missionary, and took a text, and began to travel on a circuit. Truth is my text, the Gospel of salvation my subject, and the world my circuit."

Upon the shoulders of every Priesthood holder, Aaronic as well as Melchizedek, there rests an additional responsibility to preach the Gospel effectively through example and precept. The deacon conscientiously doing his part as required by the Lord is helping to disseminate the truth and is just as important as any other office in the Priesthood. Opportunities are always right in our way. The commandment to love our neighbour as ourself means that we should always be striving to bring the blessings of the Gospel to those whom we come in contact with from day to day. We

encourage the brethren to be so prepared in the fundamental principles of the message that they will always be ready to give a reason for the hope that is within them, and to be mentally awake to grasp every opportunity for presenting our Father's plan of salvation to His children.

Ofttimes there comes an occasion in the lives of some people that they feel a complete severance from Church activity is due them, because of a long period of past service or for other reasons. Particularly is this found to be true when they are released from a position of authority in the branch or its auxiliary organizations. Occasionally there will be found some who even take offence at such removal and step aside thinking, "Let the other fellow do it now." Such an attitude is not in harmony with the spirit of Jesus Christ. In this great work there is no voluntary laying-off period for any of those "who are, or can be called, Saints." Release from one position only means that one's labours will be directed in slightly different channels. Whatever work a true Latter-day Saint is called to do, he will realize that it is the Lord's will. Upon being released from a position, he will continue to do the work of the Lord as an active supporter of those in authority, accepting wholeheartedly

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# NATIONAL BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP CLIMAXES SUCCESSFUL SEASON

By L. Ralph Mecham



Co-captain Archie J. Haskins  
holds Winners' Cup

ONCE again a team of Mormon missionaries has come away victorious from the British National Senior Basketball Championship matches. On June 26th, the London missionary five, bearing the name "Latter-day Saints" on their white jerseys, climaxed an undefeated basketball season by defeating the Welsh champions and Oxford University in the national finals at Birmingham. "Hotly tipped as probable winners," as one pre-finals newspaper account read, the fast-moving, sharp-shooting Mormon boys justified their

reputation by soundly thumping Wales in the afternoon game by a score of 59—27 and later in the day coming out on the top end of a 50—38 score in the championship tilt with Oxford.

This makes the third time that the name of a Latter-day Saint missionary basketball team has been engraved upon the gleaming, silver National Senior Basketball trophy. Before the war missionaries under the name of "Catford Saints" twice carried off the national basketball title, and in 1938 bore the Union Jack of Britain to an international basketball championship, edging out France's best 28-26 in the final game of the tourney.

The sight of the lofty basketball trophy proudly displayed at British Mission Headquarters, 149 Nightingale Lane, Balham, London, S.W.12, is a source of immense satisfaction to team-members, fellow missionaries, and all Latter-day Saints alike. But it does not tell the whole story of missionary basketball in Britain. Such feelings of satisfaction are good, but the real value of basketball, for which the cup stands as a symbol, is a volume of proselyting activity which cannot be measured. How many doors it has opened to the preaching of the Gospel, how many false impressions dispelled, how many individuals it has brought in contact with the Church will never be known. Yet there are some things which stand out as concrete, tangible accomplishments of British Mission basketball, other than the shining trophy.

Not only in London has basketball activity been carried on but in nine of



the other districts as well, although not all to the same extent. London, however, and Birmingham found conditions most favourable for extensive activities in competition, playing an average of one game every two weeks. These games brought some fifty players and officials to the London District Gold and Green Ball, many of whom expressed amazement and pleasure at the friendliness and happiness exhibited by the Saints. Several attended conference, and homes of officials and players alike were thrown open to the missionaries. From one game against a friendly rival, the London Polytechnic Institute, a lecture was arranged for a club meeting at which six Books of Mormon were disposed of. Another instance might be cited of a team composed of displaced Latvians. Contacted through basketball, many of the team members and their friends attended the Gold and Green Ball and district conference. A class in English is now being conducted for some of the Latvians by one of the lady mission-

aries, Sister Marion Allen. Prior to a London League skirmish with the Latvians, the president of the group said, "When our country becomes free again, we shall welcome the Latter-day Saint missionaries to help us live good principles."

When the British Mission's traveling film-lecture team arrived in Birmingham, a battery of appointments awaited them; and all of these opportunities for lecturing had come through basketball contacts. In Newcastle fourteen cottage meetings resulted from missionary basketball activity. Half of the Scottish team was composed of non-members which threw them into close association with the Mormon way of life as exemplified by the missionaries. Here then is a first rate physical exercise for the missionaries being turned into a first-rate agency for promulgating the Gospel.

Exhibition games were a lucrative

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**British Basketball Champions**

Left to Right, Back Row: George P. Marchant, George T. Choules, Co-captain Archie Haskins, Ralph Mecham, Hugh West. Front Row: W. Richard Waite, Byng Beazer, Evans E. Royle, Co-captain James L. Mortensen, Franz Johansen

# THE MESSAGE IN THE MARKET PLACE



Elders Vernal Bowden and Frank P. Reese in Rochdale Market Place

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Material for this article was contributed by Elders Hal Campbell, Clarence Campbell, William Blackwell, Clifton McBride, Royal R. Meservy, and by Norman Woodhead.

**A** NEW form of proselyting is proving itself to be one of the most valuable missionary tools in the British Mission—the market stall. Following the rule of going where the people are when they won't come to you, enterprising missionaries have utilised one of the oldest traditional gathering places for people in Britain by presenting their message in the public market. Shouting from the housetops could reach no more people than are to be seen milling around the Mormon market stall displays, curious-

ly eyeing the books, tracts, pamphlets, and posters attractively arranged on counter and wall. From many districts have come reports of the effectiveness of this new activity in bringing the Restored Gospel to the people.

Take a good look at the picture of Elders Reese and Bowden behind their stall-counter in the Rochdale market place. Could you pass by such a provocative display without wanting to know more about it? Weekly, amid the cries of various herb and ointment peddlers, fortune tellers, auctioneers, and others advertising their wares, if you step close enough you can detect the quiet undertone of the two young missionaries explaining principles of the Gospel to local citizens.

Away out in the more rural sections



surrounding Leeds and Bradford lie the small towns and subdivisions of Batley, Heckmondwyke, Dewsbury, Shipley, and Halifax. Here the busy crowds jostle and push on special market days through the open-air stalls, looking as they pass at the abundant assortment of goods. And in a conspicuous corner of each market they see a stall with signs and displays upon which are written such things as, "Have you read the Book of Mormon?" Or the familiar quotations of Ezekiel 37, Isaiah 29, or II Nephi 29; or perhaps such a thought-provoking statement as, "When you desire to learn the truth, you go to one who is competent in his field—a scientist to teach you science, an artist to instruct you in the arts—then why don't you come to us to learn about Mormonism?"

Surrounding the signs are placed articles from magazines, pictures, stereoscopes showing three-dimensional coloured pictures of Utah—anything that may create interest. One section is devoted to the Book of Mormon, another to pamphlets and tracts with a sign denoting that the literature is free.

To complete the picture, add two missionaries either in front of the stalls or behind them and a few hundred half-surprised, half-curious people, and you have an idea of what a Mormon missionary market stall is like. Sometimes you can see the missionaries drop away from the stall either to hold an open-air meeting or to let the people examine the displays at their leisure.

Or go to Norwich, a town whose market place, equipped with permanent stalls, is an integral part of the town's commercial life. On clear, sunny days you can see small groups of people standing around a recently established but very eye-catching exhibit, asking questions or listening to one of the Elders explain the illustrations and pictures to be found decorating the booth. Even on cloudy and wet days, when there are few people thronging the market, many are the wondering citizens who, attracted by the multi-coloured posters, stop for

literature and possibly to engage in a Gospel conversation. In spite of its great worth as a missionary effort amplifier, the cost in pounds and shillings is low. Simple and inexpensive material is used in the displays ranging from Book of Mormon posters to the picture section of the Church News mounted on stiff paper for convenient handling.

From Wigan also comes word of market stall activities that have been reaching an increasingly larger group of people each week. First sight to meet the eye here is a huge sign, running the entire length of the stall, which reads, "THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS," with the smaller notices, "Information Bureau," and "Free Literature." Set up on attractive cardboard panels are pictures of the Salt Lake Temple, scenes of Salt Lake City and Temple grounds, and a large map showing the trek of the Mormon Pioneers-across western America.

The first Saturday at Wigan found most people a bit sceptical and not inclined to stop, although it was evident that many were very curious about the new addition to the Wigan Market Place. They were even a bit reluctant to accept free literature offered to them, but as the weeks went by this scepticism was gradually replaced by an attitude of friendly interest. The map of the Pioneer journey proved especially intriguing to the passers-by. Where at first the greatest number to timidly congregate at the stall was two or three, throngs of people now vie for a place by the counter, some reaching for tracts without having to be asked to take them. On more than one occasion groups of thirty or more people have crowded around to listen to the missionaries commenting on the display and related Gospel subjects.

These market stall displays are only typical of activity going on throughout the mission. Sheffield District is opening up three new displays. Accrington market spot, manned by Elders Clarence Campbell, Mervin Brown, Clifton McBride, and John Cornwall, reports considerable success also, es-

pecially praising the value of Church magazines in acquainting the people with the Mormon way of life. Several women interested in child welfare have borrowed copies of "The Children's Friend" and returned them after a week's study with high praise for the magazine. The loan of the magazines to children visiting the stall has occasionally caused parents to visit the missionaries at their work to ask questions about the Church. Many other town and village market squares throughout the country have proved fertile ground for this new type of missionary endeavour.

One most desirable feature of the market place for proselyting the Gospel is the number of country dwellers there who would normally not be contacted through regular tracting or even open-air meetings. For many out-of-towners the market is a "must"

visit each week, and the Mormon stall will most certainly draw their attention. Working men and women, too, who would not be met in door-to-door tracting, are contacted at the stall, and here they come of their own free will, spending as much time as they wish listening to the story of the missionaries.

To the ever-increasing variety of methods of bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the people of Britain is added the Market stall. Perhaps for a time its gross effectiveness may be measured only in Books of Mormon sold or lent, other literature distributed, and Gospel conversations engaged in. But there shall come a time when someone will look gratefully back upon that market place where he went to buy goods for a price and came away bearing the seeds of a priceless gift—eternal life.

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## THE CHURCH AND THE PRESS IN BRITAIN

**T**HE following are excerpts from recent publications in Great Britain pertinent to the Church:

### Wandsworth Borough News

#### **FINE AMBASSADORS**

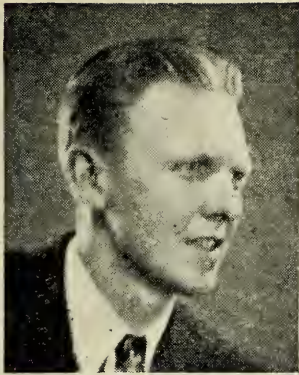
Overlooking Wandsworth Common lies the British Mission Headquarters of the Mormon Church and from there earnest young missionaries go forth to spread knowledge of their religion among the ordinary people of South-West London. The war had suspended their activities, and it is only now that they are again becoming a feature of London life. These missionaries—most of them are in their early twenties—are among the finest ambassadors sent from America. They do not smoke, neither do they drink alcohol, tea or coffee, and their courtesy, especially to elderly folk, is an example for all. Many Wandsworth citizens have received visits from them in recent months and whilst their converts may be few, they have impressed many by their sincerity and conduct.

### Halifax Weekly Courier and Guardian

#### **SALT LAKE CITY.**

At this week's meeting of the Gas Development Association we had a really fine film show by members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints—five young men who have come to this country at their own expense to try to correct some of the wrong impressions which persist about their religion and their native Salt Lake City in the State of Utah. Two of them have lodged at the home of Mrs. Swetman, secretary of the G.D.A., for eight months, and she has nothing but praise for them and their religion, which involves a fairly strict personal asceticism. The marvellous rock formations and scenery on a truly grand scale make a quite unforgettable film, and it is almost incredible that the beautiful modern Salt Lake City is built where only 100 years ago there stretched a rocky, salty waste, and where polygamy became punishable by law before 1900.





William R. Callister

## FOR WORK WELL DONE

Callister. Largely through his work there has come to you each month a magazine that is interesting, instructive, and in keeping with the standards of the glorious Gospel it heralds. That he has carried the responsibility well is borne out in a recent letter from President George F. Richards of the Council of the Twelve in which was paid high tribute to the standard being maintained by the *Millennial Star*.

**H**OW often have you picked up a copy of the *Millennial Star* in anticipation of a pleasant read through it? Each time you've found inspirational articles by your mission leaders and other well qualified to expound the principles of the Gospel. You've turned to "District Activities" to see what was written about the latest branch social or to find out how your friends in other parts of the mission are getting along. Highlights of Church progress during the month have caught your attention under the heading of "World Church News," and articles on current, noteworthy happenings in the *British Mission* have kept you up to date with the Church.

Probably you took all this for granted as we all are prone to do with the regular services provided for us by others. Yet, like all other worthwhile things, the *Millennial Star* has come to you only as a result of diligent, painstaking effort. The man who, as Associate Editor, has borne the burden of this responsibility for the past sixteen months is Elder William R.

Elder Callister was called to the position with no previous experience in the field of journalism. With only a few weeks training as assistant to Horace Heyes, former Associate Editor, he assumed the job with a determination to magnify that calling. Every issue that came from the press was a product of the best he could put into it. He looked at his work not as just a job to be done but as a fertile field to take pride in cultivating. During his sixteen months as Associate Editor of the *Star* circulation has doubled, reprinted articles have been eliminated, and operating costs have been held to the minimum.

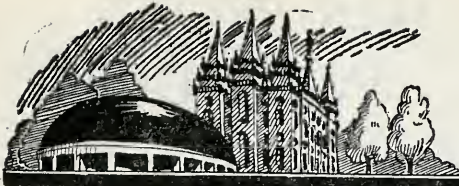
On June 25th Elder Callister was released from this appointment to labour three months in the Isle of Man before bidding farewell to the *British Mission*. For all those whom he has served so diligently we wish to express a deep feeling of appreciation for his work and to proclaim our faith that his bread thus cast upon the waters will in due time be returned unto him.

### CHANGE IN CONFERENCE DATES

**T**HE following districts will hold their conferences at the dates indicated instead of the times previously stated in the July issue of the *Millennial Star*.

August 22nd - - Leeds  
September 5th - - Bristol

September 26th - - Nottingham  
November 7th - - Irish



# Editor

## FAITH—A PRINCIPLE OF POWER

**I**F no one accepted the truthfulness of more than he had personally experienced through the medium of his senses, there could never be progress. Have you ever looked at some intricate machine going through its paces and marvelled at the human mind that could conceive, plan, and construct such a complicated mechanism? Truly it may have been a gifted inventor who produced the machine in its final form. Yet in almost every case you will find that it came about as the result of developing and improving ideas and principles already known. The inventor had to go ahead with faith that those principles which he hoped to utilise were true and that, using them as a solid foundation to build upon, he could create something better. Without that conviction, his invention would have remained in the immaterial world until someone appeared with the necessary faith to make it a concrete reality. The revelation of truth would have waited until one came along with faith enough to receive it.

We will never know how many brilliant men have lived and died without leaving behind them some substantial contribution toward the betterment of their fellow men. We only know of those who combined their intellect with the faith that a given problem could be solved and thereupon went ahead to solve it. From the experience of each of us there can be recalled individuals whose latent talent lay wasting for lack of the faith to use it. In the final analysis, faith is the principle of power in the human makeup. The man completely devoid of faith will never move forward, however great the need for progress.

Faith may be exercised beneficially in every phase of life. Faith in principles of scientific truth is good; faith in oneself is good; faith in one's fellow men and in the future are good also; but the most vital, moving, powerful faith, that which makes the difference between true greatness and pure worldliness, is faith in God.

Although "faith is the assurance of things hoped for" and "the evidence of things not seen," it still must be built upon a certain amount of knowledge. It stands to reason that a person must first hear of Jesus Christ before faith in Him as Diety is possible. From this initial knowledge he may then begin to develop other conclusions. In science, one may start out with the knowledge that two elements, sodium and chlorine, do exist. By following a set of given steps he can combine the two elements in proper proportions under correct conditions and reach the final conclusion that they make common table salt. So also is there a method by which each individual may prove to his own satisfaction that God lives and that Jesus Christ in His divine Son.





As in the scientific procedure, certain steps must be followed and certain conditions fulfilled before the testimony can be gained. The first step is desire to know the truth. Next comes search for the truth through diligent survey of the knowledge available and through prayer. The final step which will unfaillingly lead to faith in God is to live His revealed commandments. By this means can be proven for each individual the reality of God as surely as any accepted fact of science can be proven. Let the doubter laugh. There are too many people who have proven for themselves the reality of God for the idle opinion of one who will not make the test to be granted validity.

Faith is not a thing which remains static. Like a human muscle it becomes stronger through use and weaker through neglect. Having once possessed it is no guarantee that it will always remain active. Too often the brittle, dead shell of what was once a vitalizing faith in God is found in those professing belief in Him. When a man believes in God, he believes in His commandments and knows that keeping those commandments will be to his own benefit. No man willingly acts contrary to his own best interests. It is a contradiction to say that a man has faith in God who unrepentingly disobeys His commandments.

We might do well to ponder the oft quoted words of Nephi, "I will go and do the things which the Lord hath commanded, for I know that the Lord giveth no commandments unto the children of men save he shall prepare a way for them that they may accomplish the thing which he commandeth them." Have you ever stopped to consider the magnitude of that testimony which Nephi so confidently bore? That testimony of faith meant a never-failing source of strength to do God's will, encouragement when the going was tough, and assurance that in the end his righteous endeavours would triumph. What does it mean to you?

Here is the test of your faith in the Lord and in the words which He has spoken through His holy prophets. If you feel the Lord has called you to do more than you are able, that His commandments are too hard for you to obey, then turn to I Nephi 3: 7 and read those inspiring words quoted above from the text. Then ask yourself, "Is my faith strong enough to accept those words at face value?" If it is, you will be able to "go and do the things which the Lord has commanded." What is the ingredient that causes you to go ahead and do it? It is the power of faith.

Faith as a sustaining influence in the lives of men can never be discarded. It is as essential to progress as is the recognition of a need for improved conditions. There is no substitute for it. Neither is there any substitute for faith in God as both a moulding and a motivating influence. It is the only key to lasting happiness, enduring accomplishment, and eternal salvation.—ROBERT E. RIGGS

# World Church News



**SUNDAY SCHOOL SETS 500,000 MEMBERSHIP GOAL.** — A goal of 500,000 members on the rolls of the Sunday School by the end of the centennial year, 1949, has been set by the general board of the Deseret Sunday School Union. A campaign to secure this increased number will begin with the 100 percent Sunday, the second in September. The great increase in enrollment in the Sunday School during the past two years has demonstrated the possibilities for increased membership, and every effort will be made to reach the goal by December 31st, 1949.

**MICRO - FILMS FLOOD INTO LIBRARY.** — Micro-films from Europe and several eastern states are literally flooding the Genealogical Library. When the present project is completed, a steady flow of micro-films from Europe and eastern states will be processed through the regular channel explained micro-film editor James M. Black. There are 5,000,000 micro-film pages already on the shelves and 6,000,000 to be edited. Elder Black arrived in England July 20th to supervise micro-filming in this country.

**NEW ZEALAND MISSION.**—Bishop Gordon C. Young of the Salt Lake City North 18th Ward has been called by the First Presidency as president of the New Zealand Mission. He succeeds President A. Reed Halverson, who has presided over the mission since 1945.

**TONGAN MISSION HEAD NAMED.** —Emile C. Dunn has been reappointed by the First Presidency of the Church as president of the Tongan Mission. President Dunn will succeed President Evan W. Huntsman of Shelley, Idaho, who has been president since the summer of 1946. President Huntsman followed President Dunn who had been president of the mission for ten years from 1936 to 1946.

**ENLARGEMENT OF TABERNACLE ORGAN.** — By this coming October when the many new additions of stops and pipes and the new console are installed, the Tabernacle organ will have 175 sets of pipes with a total of nearly 10,000 separate pipes. Although the new additions will still leave the organ smaller than some of the world's largest instruments, because of the superb acoustics of the Tabernacle building itself, the Tabernacle organ has been, and will continue to be, one of the most brilliant and powerful organs to be heard anywhere in the world.

**PRAISE FOR SCOUTING.**—National recognition and praise were accorded the scouting programme in the Church recently by two telegrams received from the National Council, Boy Scouts of America. Quoting from the message sent by Elbert K. Fretwell, chief scout executive, "The whole scout movement has been greatly enriched through the example set by the Latter-day Saints Church in making the Boy Scout programme available to all boys."

Said Ray O. Wyland, Director of National Council Division of Relations, "Seventy-seven percent of your boys have scout training. No other Church or agency can match your record."



# British Mission



## ARRIVALS AND ASSIGNMENTS

The following missionaries arrived in the British Isles aboard the "Queen Mary" on July 15th:

Elder **DAVID GEORGE KURR**, of Salt Lake City, Utah, was assigned to labour in the Sheffield District.

Elder **STEPHEN BENNION NEBEKER**, of Salt Lake City, Utah, was assigned to labour in the Liverpool District.

Elder **DAVID EMERSON BEAN**, of Salt Lake City, Utah, was assigned to labour in the Scottish District.

Elder **MARK H. BIGLER**, of Idaho Falls, Idaho, was assigned to labour in the Welsh District.

Elder **EDMUND CANNON EVANS**, of Salt Lake City, Utah, was assigned to labour in the Liverpool District.

Elder **MERRILL REED BALLS**, of Soda Springs, Idaho, was assigned to labour in the Newcastle District.

Elder **SIDNEY JAY NEBEKER**, of Salt Lake City, Utah, was assigned to labour in the London District.

Elder **RALPH C. WHEELER**, of Salt Lake City, Utah, was assigned to labour in the Hull District.

Elder **THOMAS ALMA DUFFIN** of Salt Lake City, Utah, was assigned to labour in the Welsh District.

Elder **QUINN GUNN McKAY**, of Huntsville, Utah, was assigned to labour in the London District.

Elder **WILLIAM ARNOLD EARN-SHAW**, of Los Angeles, California, was assigned to labour in the Sheffield District.

Elder **GRANT REYNOLDS HARDY**, of Salt Lake City, Utah, was assigned to labour in the Liverpool District.

Elder **JAMES ARLO MAXWELL**, of Peoa, Utah, was assigned to labour in the Irish District.

Elder **ROLAND JAY BECK**, of Centerfield, Utah, was assigned to labour in the Manchester District.

Elder **FREDDIE DAVID QUILTER**, of Henrieville, Utah, was assigned to labour in the Liverpool District.

Elder **JOEL JAMES DUNN**, of Tooele, Utah, was assigned to labour in the Scottish District.

Elder **ALLEN MATTHEW SWAN**, of Tooele, Utah, was assigned to labour in the Hull District.

Elder **MICHAEL JESSE BENNETT**, of Salt Lake City, Utah, was assigned to labour in the Birmingham District.

Sister **BETH SWAINSTON**, of Preston, Idaho, was assigned to labour in the London Office.

The following missionary arrived in the British Isles from the Netherlands Mission on June 25th:

Sister **ANNY WILHELMINA HARTMAN**, of Voorburg, Holland, was assigned to labour in the Liverpool District.



## RELEASES

Elder **CHARLES L. NORTON** was released as a missionary to the British Mission on July 9th. Elder Norton served in the London District and in the Birmingham District, where he was District President.

Elder **MELVIN M. OWENS** was released as a missionary to the British Mission on July 9th. Elder Owens served in the Leeds District, in Hull as District President, and in the London Office as Mission Secretary.

Elder **JOHN L. SMITH** was released as a missionary to the British Mission on July 9th. Elder Smith served in the Nottingham and Sheffield Districts.

Sister **ANNIE M. P. H. SMITH** was released as a missionary to the British

Mission on July 9th. Sister Smith served in the Nottingham and Sheffield Districts.

Sister **RUTH GATES** was released as a missionary to the British Mission on July 9th. Sister Gates laboured in the Birmingham, Nottingham and Manchester District.

Sister **HELEN SHARP** was released as a missionary to the British Mission on July 9th. Sister Sharp served in the London Office.

Elder **MYRON W. McINTYRE** was released as a missionary to the British Mission on July 9th. Elder McIntyre served in the Newcastle, Liverpool, and Birmingham Districts.



## APPOINTMENTS AND TRANSFERS

Elder **ALBERT E. WALKER** was appointed District President of the Irish District on July 12th.

Elder **BOYD D. HARRIS** was transferred from the London District to the Norwich District on July 13th.

Elder **JACK LEROY CORNIA** was transferred from the Manchester District to the Norwich District on July 12th.

Elder **MELVIN JAMES TOLLEY** was transferred from the Birmingham District to the Norwich District on July 15th.

Elder **JOSEPH H. CROWTHER** was

transferred from the Norwich District to the Leeds District on July 12th.

Elder **CHARLES A. EDWARDS** was transferred from the Liverpool District to the Birmingham District on July 19th.

Elder **WM. ROBERT CALLISTER** was transferred from the London Office to the Isle of Man on June 25th.

Elder **JOHN N. CANNON** was transferred from the Liverpool District to the Isle of Man on June 25th.

Elder **HAROLD M. DOUGAL** was transferred from the Newcastle District to the London District on July 9th.



## DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

### BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT

Reported by LaMar Empey

The members of the Nuneaton Branch are grateful for the recent return of missionaries to Nuneaton. Elders White and Whittaker, who have

been instrumental in re-opening Primary and M.I.A., and in holding many cottage meetings, have been a help to members as well as investigators. Along with the stimulus of the Elders has come a series of successful business meetings held by the Branch

Presidency which have given a clearer insight to policy and goal of the Church and the branch.

On July 7th members of the Nuneaton Branch joined with those at Northampton for a dual outing. Runners in many of the games, particularly sack races and three-legged races, were some of the "not-so-young" sisters, who amazed themselves and the spectators with their athletic ability and stamina. The aforementioned sisters caused much consternation among athletic elders when they led them down the home stretch.

The Relief Society of the Birmingham Branch took a coach trip on July 30th to visit the neighbouring countryside. This trip was financed by the budget project of the branch.

Elder John S. Jones, former second counsellor in the Birmingham Branch Presidency, sailed July 9th for the U.S. Elder George Makin has been sustained as second counsellor in his place.

An inspirational Branch Conference was held in the Northampton Branch on June 20th, the first branch conference for many years.

Efforts of Birmingham District missionaries to promote a baseball programme have resulted in several newspaper articles, including pictures of Elders Empey and Salo, and the inauguration of baseball competition between Northampton Latter-day Saints and Nuneaton Co-op Youth Club teams.

### **BRISTOL DISTRICT**

**Reported by James W. Stewart**

Diligent and well planned sowing is necessary for a good harvest. Such wise counsel has been closely observed by the Bristol District this past month. Among the many "idea socials" was a District Union Meeting attended by ten officers and teachers and one investigator at Norwood Hall, Stroud, on July 3rd. Plans and ideas to improve the functioning of the various branch Sunday Schools and M.I.A.'s were exchanged by those in attendance.

In the latter part of June a series of Sunday School socials were inaugura-

ted, beginning with the Stroud Branch, and are proving to be very successful. Funds are to be used for a summer outing.

At the Bristol Branch hall a steady swish of paint brushes, wash buckets, and brooms began on Monday morning, July 5th, and continued steadily until Saturday night, July 11th. The meeting house on Zion Road received a complete redecorating — new paint, flower holders, and other decorations which have combined to make a very attractive hall. President Collins of the



Bristol Branch was in charge, and through the industrious efforts of all branch members an excellent job was done.

Upon the "Downs" the M.I.A. activities of Bristol are attracting more and more investigators through the well supervised medium of softball.

The future looks bright for Bristol District. Progress may be noted in the recent opening of a new branch at Bournemouth and the projected establishment of a branch at Cirencester.

### **HULL DISTRICT**

**Reported by K. G. McKay**

Grimsby and Hull Branches have been carrying out the suggested M.I.A. summer programme by holding each week an outing for the members and friends. These have included a river cruise for the Grimsby Branch, brightened by community singing and a few lovely solos by May Kingswood, skating, visits to nearby points of interest, and indoor socials. The Sunday School and Relief Society of the Hull Branch has also sponsored socials during the past month.

Beginning with the 24th of July, a monthly District social is to be held in the Hull District. It is hoped that this will be a means of bringing all the members in contact with one another more often and result in greater unity.



After cutting through a good deal of red tape, permission was finally secured to hold open-air meetings in Hull and Scarborough. Elders Rigby and Hipwell now hold them every Wednesday and Sunday in Scarborough. In Hull they are held every day at noon, weather permitting, and in the evenings also when the elders have no cottage meetings. On Sundays they are held on the pier in Hull.

A fine spirit prevailed in all departments at the District Union Meeting held July 3rd. Mavis Oxley was sustained as District Sunday School assistant at this time. President McKay called for renewed effort on the part of every Latter-day Saint, especially those holding office in the Church, to live their religion and thus preach the Gospel by example.

District President McKay and Elder Fred Mason are spending at least one day a month tracting and holding open-air meetings with each pair of elders.

### **IRISH DISTRICT**

**Reported by Andre C. Anastasiou**

Missionaries come and missionaries go, and the Belfast Branch Saints were sorry to see their District President Carl H. Whatcott leave. Elder Whatcott returns to his native Utah on the "Queen Mary," sailing on August 7th. The thanks and affection of the Saints go with him for his sincere efforts and all wish him "bon voyage."

The Belfast Branch priesthood sponsored an outing to Newforge, a local canning factory situated in beautiful grounds. There were conducted tours of the plant, and interesting talks were had between the members and factory staff. Special mention was made of the part the church takes in canning food at Welfare Square in Salt Lake City. The day was complete with picnic, games and a lively game of soft ball.

Sister Agnes B. Walker, wife of Elder Albert E. Walker, has arrived in Ireland from Midvale, Utah, for a short visit. Accompanying her is her sister, Mrs. Charles Anderson, from

Salt Lake City, Utah. They were heartily welcomed by the missionaries. The occasion was marked with a chicken dinner, lemon pie and other American dishes that Sister Walker had brought with her. A great time was had partaking of the prepared food and reminiscing over other culinary delights.

### **LEEDS DISTRICT**

**Reported by Ralph Jack**

Highlighting traditional Rag Day festivities of the University of Leeds was an exhibition basketball match between Leeds District elders and the university team, June 26th. University took the game, with final score 32-21. Spectators, numbering several hundred, were enthusiastic as they watched the game, most of them viewing the American sport for the first time.

Captain of the Mormon squad was Elder A. J. Longhurst, with Elders D. W. Rose, N. Craven, J. M. Newey, E. Preston, D. Platt, J. V. Hobson (Sheffield), and S. Robertshaw of Bradford as team members. The missionary group was invited to join in the colourful procession from the university to the centre of Leeds. The game was played on a public square before Leeds town hall.

Travelling lecturers, Elders Rytting and Loosle, at the time of this writing are in the Leeds District, and have presented film lectures in Halifax and Bradford before eight civic and public audiences. Press notices, posters, and individual contacts have given widespread publicity to the lectures throughout the district. Favourable reaction to the films has resulted, and many popular misconceptions of "life among the Mormons" have been cleared. In addition to the films has been a mixed chorus composed of District M.I.A. members singing under direction of Elder H. K. Campbell.

Bradford Branch Relief Society was sponsor of a fund-raising dance, June 12th, to aid families of the German brethren who recently left for their homes.

## **LIVERPOOL DISTRICT**

**Reported by G. N. Gardner**

A busy month found the following people baptised at a service held in Burnley Chapel July 4th: Jean Robinson, baptised by Elder George Holmes, confirmed by Elder Myron D. Sessions; Patricia A. Nutter, baptised by Priest Geoffrey Newman, confirmed by Elder George Holmes; Jeffrey J. Pickles, baptised by Elder George Holmes, confirmed by his father, Elder James Pickles; and Robert J. Newman, baptised by his son, Geoffrey Newman, confirmed by Branch President John R. Moore.

Events of the Preston Branch include the departure of Elder John Cannon after one year's missionary work in Preston to the Isle of Man, to re-open the island to missionary work with Elder William R. Callister.

Reorganisation of the Liverpool Branch took place following the Branch Conference held June 13th. Emigration of former Branch President George Patey and family made this necessary. New officers are David A. Willis, branch president; Richard Morris, first counsellor; Hugh Jones, second counsellor; and Gerald Devereux as clerk. The Y.W.M.I.A. was also reorganised with Joan Smith as president; Margaret James as first counsellor; Ruth Aitken as second counsellor; and Irene McGee as secretary.

Interesting items about the district: Sister Aitken of Liverpool and the Hartley's of Wigan are now grandparents; the M.I.A. outing to Lake Windermere, June 19th, drew sixty people to enjoy the programme; every wish for a quick and complete return to health goes to Herbert S. Webster of Wigan, recently in the hospital.

## **LONDON DISTRICT**

**Reported by Jean Silsbury**

Two more members were added to the Brighton Branch on June 25th at a baptismal service held in Brighton. President Richard W. Clayton baptised Graham Dodd, who was confirmed by Elder George T. Choules, and Antony

W. Mitchell, who was in turn confirmed by his father, Elder William E. Mitchell.

At South London Branch six people were baptised on July 4th by Elder William R. Waite. Firstly there were four members of the Garth family from Reading: Irene M. G. Garth and Janet R. Garth, confirmed by Elder Robert E. Riggs and President Richard W. Clayton, respectively; Joseph V. Garth, confirmed by Elder Ralph Mecham; and Bryan N. V. Garth, confirmed by Elder Evans E. Royle. The remaining two to enter the waters of baptism were Miriam N. Smith, confirmed by Elder Dorrell Larsen, and Donald W. Smith, confirmed by President Selvoy J. Boyer.

An unusual amount of activity at the St. Albans Branch hall resulted in a re-decorating inside and out of the meeting place. Priesthood, Relief Society, and travelling missionaries worked diligently for nearly a week to complete the job, and their efforts were well rewarded by the improved appearance of the building.

Luton Branch has now added a choir to its busy agenda of activities. Choir is under the direction of Elder Frank M. Carlisle.

## **MANCHESTER DISTRICT**

**Reported by Norman T. Woodhead**

The missionaries are working at full pressure in the Manchester District. Street meetings are being held in the heart of Manchester Monday to Friday each week during the lunch hour, and at Alexandra Park Gates, Platt Fields, and Rochdale at other times during the week. It is hoped that more of the local Priesthood will assist at these meetings. The number of converts who were first contacted through open-air meetings in this district is very high, and more people are now investigating the Gospel than have done for many years.

In sports many of the elders are setting a good example of sportsmanship for hundreds of people each week.

Elders Rice, Quinney, and Reese, besides playing baseball and basketball, presented a series of stunt diving exhibitions at the Manchester University. These "Krazy Divers" entertained hundreds of people including many persons of prominence in university circles.

Thirty-one people attended a recent Denton Branch baptismal service at the Gorton Baths to see Mavis Taylor baptised by Elder Gordon L. Graves, and Sandra and Stanley Craig baptised by their father, John Craig.

Josephine Dewsnup was baptised by Elder Lawrence Gregson and confirmed by Elder Frank P. Reese.

On July 3rd 116 people attended a social and dance at Rochdale, organised by the Sunday School. The dancing was of a high standard, and many asked for another such evening to be sponsored soon. Artistes from all over the district put on a well-received floor show. Special appreciation should be tendered to the Oldham and Stockport M.I.A.'s and to Sisters Millie, Dorothy, and Phyllis Hoyle for their contributions to a successful evening.

#### **NEWCASTLE DISTRICT** Reported by Joyce H. Tiffen

Branch conferences are now being held throughout the Newcastle District. The first of the series was held at the Carlisle Branch June 13th, with Branch President Clarence L. Olsen conducting. A children's trio consisting of Winnie Cook, June Montgomery, and Anne Montgomery, rendered numbers in both sessions of the conference. Elders Grant Hofler and Clarence Olsen were the speakers in the afternoon meeting. District President Frederick W. Oates and Supervising Elder Kenneth M. Oswald were in attendance at both sessions and were the speakers at the evening session.

#### **NORWICH DISTRICT** Reported by Wesley R. Williams

This month was taken up with Branch conferences in the organised

branches of the District, which were presided over by Elder William L. Blackwell, District President.

Norwich held its conference June 20th. On June 27th Lowestoft Branch conference convened, and on July 11th, Yarmouth. The conferences were given over in the morning to a programme by the Sunday School children, and during the evening sessions the branch and auxiliary officers gave reports of their activity and progress. Comments were offered by President Blackwell at the end of each session.

The evening preceding each conference was allotted to a social, and games and refreshments were enjoyed by members and their friends.

Sunday, July 4th, Elders William L. Blackwell and Thomas D. Harper participated in a Unitarian service in Norwich honouring the American Independence Day. On June 12th, Elders Dale M. Chapman and Albert W. Chaston opened up missionary activities in Ipswich. This puts up to five the total of cities in the district to have missionaries. Elder Wesley R. Williams was transferred to Yarmouth. Elder Thomas D. Harper was made district clerk.

On Thursday evening, July 8th, a Home Primary social was held in the Lowestoft Branch Chapel. There were forty children, mostly non-members, and thirty-two adults in attendance. A first rate performance by the children consisting of poems, reading, singing, and tap dancing, furnished real entertainment for the parents. Refreshments made a fitting conclusion to a delightful evening.

#### **NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT** Reported by June Wilson

On June 12th a district bazaar was held in the Byron Buildings, Hucknall, with one hundred turning out. Sister Gladys Boyer opened the bazaar and, in company with Sister Florence Wright, was presented with a bouquet of flowers. Entertainment items were



presented by the elders, and refreshments served by the Relief Society.

The dates of June 19th and 26th were set aside for baptismal services within the Nottingham District. Ethel Hammond and Jessie Coterill, baptised by Elder Keith Tibbitts, were confirmed by Elder Ernest Hammond and President Jerrol Boyer. Elder Elmer Hogge performed the baptismal ordinance for Alice Suiton, Florence Stoakes, and Jean Astill, and they were afterwards confirmed by Elder Clarence Knowles, Elder Thomas Ward, and President Jerrol Boyer, respectively.

Raymond Leach, 12; Christine Leach, 8; and Marjorie Green, 16; were baptised and confirmed at the Victoria Baths.

Elder Leslie J. Sullivan was sustained on June 6th as Leicester Branch President, with Elders Alfred E. Higgins and Roy C. H. Roberts as counsellors and Doreen Green as branch clerk.



Under the direction of Elder Melvin Ballard a baseball league is being formed in Nottingham. The Nottingham District elders, entered in the league under the name "Seagulls," were victorious in their opening contest with the Sherwood White Sox by a score of 16—6.

Outings to Cleethorpes and to the "Major Oak" of Robin Hood fame at Edwinstowe have recently been enjoyed by Mansfield Branch.

On June 19th, one hundred people attended a reunion party in honour of Vinnie Calkins, Constance Lovett, Charles Welch and his wife, Sister Welch, all former members of the Leicester Branch returned to England on holiday.

## SCOTTISH DISTRICT

Reported by G. K. Hardy

On Sunday, July 4th, nineteen members and investigators of the Church attended a baptismal service in the Dundee Baths. Edward McKenzie was baptised by Elder Bud M. Harrison and confirmed in Sacrament Meeting by President Reed M. Izatt.

Elder Paul Maeser was released and Elder Frank Davis sustained as president of the Dundee Branch.

Baseball is very popular in Dundee. Each Friday evening there are over twenty young men out to practice. Prospects for a thriving M.I.A. this coming year are very good as a result of the work of the elders with the youth of Dundee.

Baseball is popular not only with the youth in Dundee but in the Scottish branches located in Aberdeen, Airdrie, Edinburgh, and Glasgow as well. In the past few weeks the people passing through Airdrie's west-end park have become interested in watching and learning about this fascinating American game. Every Wednesday the M.I.A. group meets at the park, teams are quickly formed, and the game is under way. Many of the spectators have joined in the fun which is under the direction of Elder L. Glade Greenhalgh, who shares such "official" jobs as "umpire" and "team captain" with Elders Call, Izatt and Young.

As a means of proselyting in Airdrie, baseball is excellent. After the game the elders and members are to be found surrounded by interested people to whom they are explaining much about the work of the Church in this bonnie land.

Airdrie Branch held a farewell social for Elder Verl J. Iverson, who left Scotland June 30th to labour in the Sheffield District.

## SHEFFIELD DISTRICT

Reported by Arvilla Smith

The Beehive and Scout groups of the Sheffield Branch enjoyed a dance held June 18th in the Latter-day Saint

hall. Music was supplied by friends of the Church, and light refreshments, including ice creams, were provided by Sunday School officers and members.

July 4th saw reorganisation of the Sheffield Branch Presidency, the following brethren being sustained: John Snow, president; George Beattie, first counsellor; George Laycock second counsellor; and Kenneth Barley, clerk.

A farewell social was held in the Sheffield chapel June 30th in honour of George A. Stubbs, former branch president, and family, who recently left for the U.S.A. After the branch presentation of a gift to the departing ones, the Relief Society provided refreshments.

About sixty people attended a Sunday School social held in the Doncaster meeting hall June 12th. Branch President Alvin I. Holton officiated. Refreshments were again provided by the hard-working Relief Society.

Sunday evening, June 13th, Frank Smith, formerly of South London and a member of the Mission Genealogy Board, was sustained president of the Barnsley Branch. He has just recently been installed in the Barnsley mission home.

Mrs. Alice May Arundel and her son, Colin Arundel, of the Castleford Branch, were baptised June 12th by Elder Francis Bitton. Confirmation was by Elder Newell Warr and Presi-

dent David Egbert, respectively.

The Sheffield District Union Meeting held at Castleford on June 26th was a huge success from every standpoint. Events of the day, besides Union Meeting, included softball, a delicious lunch, an excellent concert programme, and a showing by Elders Rytting and Loosle of two scenic, travelogue film strips. Castleford Branch played host for the occasion.

#### WELSH DISTRICT

Reported by Gladys Mason

Many Saints and friends of the Merthyr Tydfil Branch met on June 17th for a grand farewell social to say "goodbye" to President and Sister George Q. Bennett, who were recently transferred from the Welsh District. After an impromptu programme, they were presented with two brass plaques by the Relief Society and a delightful supper was enjoyed.

At the residence of Brother and Sister T. J. Howells a branch "at home" was held July 5th in honour of Elder Eyre Turner, who paid a surprise visit to the District.

A very profitable Union Meeting at Varteg Branch July 10th provided pertinent instruction for the branch officers and teachers, including a course on the technique of music conducting by Elder Ernest Jones and a teachers' lesson under the direction of Elder William T. Davies.

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### ADDRESSES OF "LOST" MEMBERS WANTED

**T**HE following is a list of members of the Church for whom records are on file but whose records do not bear their present correct address. It is requested that anyone having knowledge of the whereabouts of these people notify the Mission Recorder, 149 Nightingale Lane, Balham, London, S.W.12. If the person is deceased, the date of death and place of burial, if known, should be sent in.

Amelia Harriet Allen.  
Beatrice Constance Fuller Allen.  
George Ernest Alvey.  
William Allsobrook.  
William Kenneth Allsobrook.  
Susan Douglas Henry Anderson.  
Beatrice Andrews.  
Lilian May Anson.  
Annie Hare Ascough.  
John Ascough.  
Doris Ione Ascough.

Vera Phyllis Ascough.  
John Ashworth.  
Amy Ingle Cole Ashworth.  
Mary Ann Woolley Atherton.  
John William Atherton.  
Hannah Louisiana Clarketon Atkinson.  
Mary Anna Cawthorne Atkinson.  
Ernest Atterton.  
Violet Atterton.  
Albert Atterton.  
Ruth Olivia Aulie.

## PERSONALS

### BIRTHS

**SULLIVAN.** — Marilyn Lesly Sullivan, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie J. Sullivan of Leicester, was blessed April 4th by her father.

**CLARK.**—Stuart Anthony Clark, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. George Clark, Leicester Branch, was blessed by Elder Charles Welch May 20th.

**WAPPETT.**—Nigel George Wappett, son, born May 11th to Mr. and Mrs. George Wappett of Hildon Branch, was blessed on June 27th by Elder John H. Gray.

**FITTON.** — Heather Denise Fitton, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Fitton of the Oldham Branch, was blessed by her father on July 4th.

**KYLE.** — Ellen May Christe Kyle, infant daughter of Mrs. Ellen Adelaide Kyle, Burnley Branch, was blessed by Elder Clifton McBride on June 20th.

### DEATHS

**HILL.**—Hubert John Hill of the Birmingham Branch died on April 12th at the age of eighty-seven. Shortly before his death, Mr. Hill gave permission for one of his most prized possessions to be sent to the museum in Salt Lake City—an old plate on which was engraved a picture of the Nauvoo Temple and the names of many of the early leaders of the Church. The plate was evidently made in Nauvoo when the temple was still standing.

**PERRY.** — John Perry, Brighton Branch President and one of the mission's leading scouters, was killed July 24th in an automobile accident while driving to the mission scout jamboree in Walesby Forest. Funeral was held at Horsham, Sussex, July 29th. The untimely passing of this good man is deeply mourned by all who knew him.

### EMIGRATIONS

**JONES.**—E. John S. Jones, former second counsellor in the Birmingham Branch, sailed on the "Washington" July 9th. He intends to make his home in Salt Lake City.

**VERNON.** — Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vernon and family, formerly of the Preston Branch, sailed for America July 9th aboard the "Queen Elizabeth."

**PATEY.** — Mr. George Patey and family sailed for America aboard the "Britannic" June 18th. They were of the Liverpool Branch.

### MARRIAGES

**COOK-MOORE.** — Eunice Cook and Arthur Moore, both of the Burnley Branch, were married June 27th, the ceremony being performed by Branch President John R. Moore, father of the groom.

**DUNKERLEY-LEACH.** — On June 12th John F. Leach and Jean Dunkerley of Rochdale were married at the Rochdale Chapel. The simple but impressive ceremony was performed by District President George W. Bruerton. The couple spent their honeymoon in Anglesey.

**ORMSTON-WITHINGTON.**—Bessie Ormston of Oldham and Harry Withington of Rochdale were united in marriage at the Oldham Chapel. Rochdale Branch President Sylvester H. Dale performed the official office. Mr. Withington, on leave at present from H.M.F., will be returning to duty after a honeymoon in the south of England.

**BRADLY-PEARS.**—The wedding of Samuel Pears and Emma Bradly of the Nottingham District took place June 19th in the Sheffield Chapel. Nottingham District President Jerrol M. Boyer officiated.



## BUILDING ZION

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ing to America. One hundred and nineteen persons attended. Those persons had been deeply loved and served by Brother and Sister Wallis. In turn these people loved the Wallises and the Gospel principles. Perhaps here is a clue to successfully building the Kingdom of God: we must **love, serve, and bless** our fellow men. It produced tangible results in Liverpool, June 25th, 1933—as my missionary record demonstrates.

Whatever the present detailed methods for kingdom-building in the British Mission may be—auxiliary organisations, welfare plan, door-to-door proselyting, or others—they are good for Britain; they are good for the world;

they are good for all mankind. Yes, the methods are good, but that “chain-reaction” comes only when those who put them into action set out with a desire to love, serve, and bless their fellow men. It takes inspiration, lots of thought, and lots of hard work. A person has to get up early in the morning, get down on his knees, get the Lord’s held, and then get busy. As President Young said:

**“What is the duty of a Latter-day Saint? To do all the good he can upon the earth . . . to build up, not to destroy; to gather together, not to scatter abroad; to take the ignorant and lead them to wisdom; to pick up the poor and bring them to comfortable circumstances. This is our labour—what we have to do.”**

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## SUNDAY MORNING IN WALESBY FOREST

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conducting the Sunday morning service for the entire camp. About a hundred gathered to the open-air chapel at the sound of the bell.

Scouter Bertram Stokes, assisted by Stanley Robertshaw and Victor Palmer, was again in charge of the group. As the short service progressed, the pine forest rang with the tones of spirited, youthful voices singing “Onward Christian Soldiers,” “Put Your Shoulder to the Wheel,” and “True to

the Faith.” Speakers were President Selvoy J. Boyer and his counsellor, Wallace R. Reid. President Reid admonished the boys there assembled to respect the authority placed over them, while President Boyer in the concluding sermon pleaded with scouts and scouters to “do your duty to God.”

The “Scout’s Own” was concluded with the strains of “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow,” followed by Scouter Victor Palmer’s short benediction.

Sunday morning in Walesby Forest—and a good beginning to a week’s successful camping.

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## NATIONAL BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP CLIMAXES SUCCESSFUL SEASON

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proving ground for the casaba sport in the British Mission. Twelve hundred people watched the London “Latter-day Saints” defeat the Halton R.A.F. five. At Aldershot Army School of Physical Training five hundred officers and cadets looked on as the

missionaries overwhelmed a U.S. Navy team. This was religion in action, expressed in a way such as they had rarely seen. Before the game began, Mr. William Browning, Southern Area Secretary of the Amateur Basketball Association of England, greeted the “Latter-day Saints” and paid tribute to the excellent sportsmanship and resulting good name earned by the missionaries before the war. Another ex-

hibition of cage play staged at Purley Oaks in Croydon was witnessed by head-masters of many London schools.

One particular comment seemed to bob up among these and other interested spectators, "You have something which we don't have." Perhaps such a comment might be classified as a vague response, but the missionaries never ceased to thrill at this unrehearsed tribute.

Other aspects of the game have been utilised as well. Missionaries were often called upon or volunteered to coach interested groups. Several districts have inaugurated basketball among youth groups which they have contacted. Assisting in this manner has built up a great fund of good will. Remarkd the physical education department head of the Polytechnic Institute, "You have helped to restore my faith in human nature by your desire to help."

Even the locker room has been used to advantage. As an illustration, a seemingly casual conversation in the locker room of London Central Y.M.C.A. resulted in a two-column article about the church in the "Evening News," a newspaper having one of the greatest circulations in the world, which was some of the most favourable publicity yet received from the British press. Even now the missionaries in their tracting and other work report of comments elicited by the article and find the people much more amiable and receptive who have read it. Recently a whole family was baptised whose interest in the Church was awakened by that report in the "Evening News." Inevitably the locker-room discussions involved the Word of Wisdom which, of course, served as an opening for further Gospel conversation.

"They look like ordinary fellows," was typical of spontaneous remarks which fell from the mouths of eager onlookers as the Mormons took the floor. Conversations arose from these games that might have been had in no other way. Questions which would

have normally remained unasked came to the fore in the congenial atmosphere of sporting competition.

To sum it all up, the National Basketball Championship represents a good deal more than just a good basketball team. In its winning, a chain-reaction has been set off for the spreading of the Gospel, and the end is not in sight. Many doors now being opened would have rung dismally hollow to the knocks of the elders or would have remained complacently shut, utterly oblivious to Mormonism and its saving principles. From basketball contacts other contacts result. "B.B." instead of designating "basketball" in the scorer's book might well stand for "barrier-breaker" in the Missionary Handbook.

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## IN THE SHADOW OF ARTHUR'S SEAT

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travelling missionaries: Elders George K. Hardy, Paul H. Maeser, Paul C. Fletcher, and Willis A. Robinson. This is the first time since the reopening of this branch over a year ago that there have been more than two missionaries labouring within thirty-five miles. It seems that some of the more prejudiced and verbose citizens are becoming alarmed over this added strength. Last month an anti-Mormon campaign was launched reviving memories of the past. It is well remembered by Latter-day Saints and non-member residents how the missionaries a few decades ago, set upon by a mob with tar and feathers, were saved from the fate planned for them only by virtue of a good pair of legs that could "run and not be weary."

Edinburgh has a great history and an even greater future, both for the city itself and for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. In the words of Orson Pratt, "May the God of Israel give us the hearts of this people."

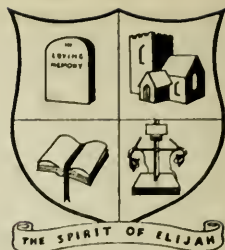
# REPORT ON MICRO-FILM ACTIVITIES

**I**N March, 1840, Elder Wilford Woodruff journeyed from the potteries of Staffordshire to Herefordshire and stopped in the parish of Ledbury. This parish had a population of 4,591 inhabitants, most of whom were engaged in the cultivation of fruit and vegetable gardens. The field was truly white for the harvest, and according to the commandment Wilford Woodruff "thrust in his sickle and reaped with his might." The Lord blessed his work to such an extent that in a very short space of time he baptised six hundred persons in that place.

Today in the county of Hereford, fifteen miles from Ledbury, another great work is being performed, this time not only for the living but also for the dead.

The Church has a micro-filming unit at work in this library filming the precious records which will then be sent to the Genealogical Society, Salt Lake City, to allow ordinance work to be performed for the people concerned.

We have now filmed transcripts of



registers from the parishes of the following:

Brewarding, Brobury, Allensmore, Canon-Frome, Clenawger, Fownhope, Llandinabo, Pewcoyd, Harwood, Kington, Sellack, Ledbury, Lugwarding, Pipe and Lyde, Bridgesollars, Munsley, Norton Canon, Sarnesfield, Richards Castle Shropshire.

Other documents filmed are:

Deeds and court rolls concerning the Manor of Goodrich; Holme-Lacy extracts relating to the family of Scudamore; six thousand deeds and wills appertaining to people in Herefordshire; and nine volumes of a large biographical index covering this collection of wills and deeds.

Surely Wilford Woodruff, with his love for this group of his converts, will feel joy in this second harvest, a harvest of records so essential to the redemption of the dead.

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## TO ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS AND TEACHERS

**I**NTO your hands is entrusted the burden of formal religious training for the children of your branch. Moulding the lives of God's children at such a formative period in their lives is a responsibility not to be taken lightly. The best officers and teachers are those who have had many years of experience and who have at all times remained teachable. Wisdom born of their experience can profitably be utilised by those who have a desire to become more proficient in their calling.

Each month the Deseret Sunday School Union publishes the **Instructor**, a magazine which every progressive Sunday School worker should have access to. The inspirational articles and practical helps are of inestimable value to all engaged in this work. In the British Mission there are sixty-one Sunday Schools and less than half that number subscriptions to the **Instructor**. There should be at least one **Instructor** for every Sunday School in the mission. Subscriptions may be obtained at the rate of 5/0 per year through application to the British Mission Bookstore, 149 Nightingale Lane, Balham, London, S.W.12.



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know that they were well and happy.

Please forgive this intrusion into your domestic life—I noticed the home address on the pretty coloured picture of the L.D.S. Temple.

With every good wish,  
Mrs. J. R. Preston."

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### THE FRUITS OF THEIR LABOURS Reported by Elder Elwin F. Cammack.

The climax of two successful weeks spent in Sheffield District by film-lecturers Lorry E. Rytting and Douglas Loosley was reached Monday night, July 5th. During their stay they had been busy with two or more engagements each day. But while they and two of the local missionaries were filling these appointments, the rest of the district was concentrating on an ambitious plan to bring the Utah films before even more people.

The Central Library Theatre with its 450 seats had been rented. In an endeavour to fill it, hundreds of invitations were distributed by personal contacts in tracting and every other way open to meet the public. A series of street meetings were held at which special notices were distributed and announcements made concerning our intentions. Posters were placed in the most conspicuous spots, and advertisements adorned the local newspapers. Members were encouraged to bring as many of their acquaintances as possible, while personal invitations were mailed to all friends unable to be visited. As a crowning touch ministers of every local church were given special invitations. The spirit of the publicity drive was, "All we can do is our best; the Lord will do the rest."

Early on the Monday evening the hall was prepared with tables for tracts, magazines, and books to be displayed, and at 7.00 the first guests began to arrive. Fifteen minutes later the room was half full, and an elder was sent for more tracts to replace our

depleted tables. Seven-thirty found each seat filled and even standing room taken. I don't know where the people came from, but they just kept pouring in. As soon as it was full, they ceased coming. It was really a thrill to see our efforts so rewarded.

From there Elder Rytting took over as speaker with Elder Loosley manning the projector for two films. A lecture and question period masterfully handled brought home to the audience a new and true conception of Utah and her people, and for an hour after the meeting all the missionaries, as well as some of the local Saints, were busy answering questions and passing out pamphlets on Mormonism.

Upon congratulating Elder Rytting for the excellent manner in which he attended to such a crowd, this answer was received, "I didn't do it." Such was the feeling of all of us. To quote the great missionary Paul, "Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God." Once again our Heavenly Father had opened the way for new accomplishments.

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### MESSAGE FROM THE MISSION PRESIDENCY

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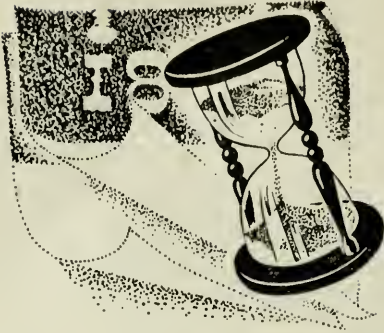
whatever call may come in the future to any office.

Whether we officially hold office or not, or whatever office we may hold, we are members of Christ's Church. As such we should regard ourselves as true missionaries who humbly bear the Lord's sanction of our righteous endeavours. It behoves all of us to realize we cannot afford to lose time in getting about our Father's business.

*Selwyn J Boyer  
Wallace L. Keil  
George A. Cook*

# IN RETROSPECT

(FLASHBACKS OF EVENTS IN CHURCH HISTORY)



**100 YEARS AGO.**—Apostle Orson Pratt succeeded Orson Spencer as President of the British Mission.

At a general conference held in Manchester, England, on August 13th and 14th, twenty-eight districts and 350 branches, with a total of 17,902 members, were represented in the British Mission.

**65 YEARS AGO.**—The first permanent branch of the Church among the Maoris was organized by Ira N. Hinkley, Jr., at Papawai, Wairarapa Valley, North Island, New Zealand, on Sunday, August 26th; Manihera, a native chief, was

ordained a Priest and appointed president. This was the beginning of a great work among the Maoris.

**55 YEARS AGO.**—The Tabernacle choir and a number of friends, about four hundred souls all together, left Salt Lake City on August 29th aboard a special train, for Chicago, Illinois, whither the choir went to compete in a singing contest at the World's Fair. Presidents Wilford Woodruff, George Q. Cannon, and Joseph F. Smith were with the party.

## REPORT FROM THE NORTH

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English language commemorating the signing of the American Declaration of Independence. Elder Morgan B. White arranged the music and gave the commentary. President Sonne delivered a powerful message, causing all to reflect anew on the meaning of freedom, justice, and the eternal principles on which the American Constitution is based. At the evening service he affirmed that our message to the world is repent or perish, for "God's hand is upon the nations."

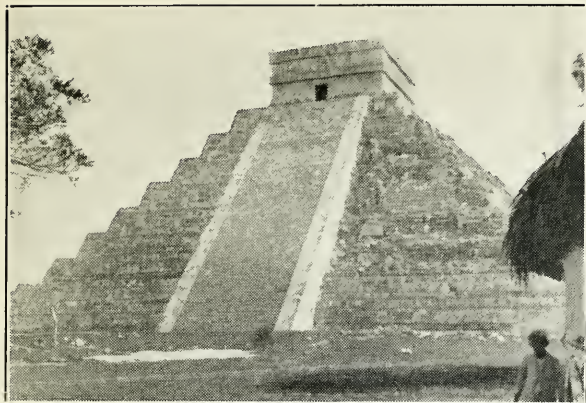
The Lulea dedication July 11th presages a new day for the Church in northern Sweden. Also extensively renovated, the white chapel was filled to capacity with a congregation which included 100 friends and investigators.

Special meetings in the Swedish Mission have also been held in Malmo, Norrkoping, Stockholm, and Haparanda. Although outdoor-loving Swedes are now enjoying their summer holi-

days, attendance at these meetings has been excellent. July 7th we witnessed an early morning baptism at a lake near Stockholm amid perfect surroundings. A Jewish lady, a Japanese-Swedish girl, and a Finnish man entered the waters of baptism to make covenants with the Lord.

President Henry A. Matis of the Finnish Mission came to Stockholm July 6th to attend meetings regarding genealogical matters. Elder A. F. Bennett has been busy wherever we have been with the various micro-filming and research projects in which the Church is interested.

It is wonderful to be in the north country during the middle of the summer when it never seems to get dark. There is much joy in constantly travelling, meeting missionaries, Saints, and friends, bearing our testimonies that God's Church has been restored to earth, and seeing visible evidence of progress in the various missions in Europe.



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# INFORMATIVE FACTS AND FIGURES

(INTERESTING NOTES CONCERNING PERSONS, PLACES, AND EVENTS RELATING TO THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS)

★ Along the "Mormon" trail, from Nauvoo to the Salt Lake Valley, during the period 1846 to 1859, more than 6,000 emigrants were laid to rest before reaching their Zion in the mountains.



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★ According to the last Church-wide survey of living returned missionaries, 71 percent were found to be office holders in the organisations of the Church, 53 percent in the wards, and 18 percent in the stakes. Missionaries who had been home from their missions less than five years were the most faithful in performing their Church duties. With each succeeding five-year period there was a gradual decline in the observance of Church requirements until the age of about fifty years was reached, when a steady increase began, continuing to the oldest group, which almost caught up with the youngest.

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★ A study of 400 Mormon families in Utah revealed that 16.75 percent of them were composed of only two members, while, at the other end of the scale, 30 percent had six members or more. Out of the 400 families there were nineteen with nine members, seven with ten members, and one family with twelve members.

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★ The Restored Gospel was first introduced to Ireland by John Taylor 103 years ago in July of 1840, three years after the first missionaries came to Britain.

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★ Queen Victoria and Prince Albert were presented with specially bound Books of Mormon by Lorenzo Snow in the year 1842.

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★ The record for the longest aggregate service as a British or European Mission president belongs to Albert Carrington, who, on four different missions, beginning in 1868 and ending in 1882, served a few weeks less than eight years. The longest continuous term was that of Dr. John A. Widtsoe, who served five years and nine months from January 1st, 1928, to October 1st, 1933. The shortest regularly appointed term was the first of the four administrations of Elder Franklin D. Richards, when he served sixteen days from January 15th, 1847, to February 1st, 1847.

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★ A school for children was opened within three months after the arrival of Pioneers in the Great Salt Lake Valley, and in 1850, while the people yet lived in log cabins, a university was authorised, now known as the University of Utah.

